

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
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 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
 Wed. Evening Service ---- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of August 20, 2017

Sunday School ----- 33
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 43
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 21
 Wed. Eve. Service, 08/23/17 ----- 30

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of August 20, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 629.10
 Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 10.00
Total Received for Week of 08/20/17: \$ 639.10

- Week of August 13, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$1,015.40
 Love Offering for Bro. Ray Meier ----- \$ 532.00
 Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 40.00
Total Received for Week of 08/13/17: \$1,587.40

- Week of August 6, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$1,520.67
 Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 19.00
Total Received for Week of 08/06/17: \$1,539.67

- Week of July 30, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 825.90
 Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 20.00
Total Received for Week of 07/30/17: \$ 845.90

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. Admit that you are a sinner.
2. Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.
3. Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.
4. You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).
5. By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.



Please Remember To Be Faithful To Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go *up*. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithes (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start *today* - OK? Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
 Lois Mae Floyd ----- Pianist/ Organist
NEED VOLUNTEER!!!! ----- Greeter
 Shayne Hooper, Brian Crawford, Charity Crawford, LeAnna White -- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, ----- Outreach
 Bertha Segebarrt ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

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Do You Really Understand What Is Happening To Our Country?

by Pastor Todd W. White
 (continued from last week)

PROVERBS 29:2 says, "WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN AUTHORITY, THE PEOPLE REJOICE: BUT WHEN THE WICKED BEARETH RULE, THE PEOPLE MOURN."

The Bible teaches that there are 2 pillars on which all civilization rests: AUTHORITY and SUBMISSION.

Now, when the wrong person gets in a place of authority, problems occur. This is *true in every* -

* Nation * State * City * Workplace * Church * Home

WE ARE IN A MESS IN THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE THE WRONG PEOPLE ARE IN AUTHORITY!

"Well," you say, "Who is in authority?"

THE HUMANISTS!

We like to blame our problems on the president, congress, politicians, etc., etc.

K In reality, it isn't the structure, *IT'S THE PHILOSOPHY THAT'S DESTROYING US!*

HUMANISM IS A MAN-CENTERED PHILOSOPHY THAT ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF MAN AND THE WORLD INDEPENDENTLY OF GOD. Man's way of thinking is CONTRARY to God's. ISAIAH 55:8 says, "FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAITH THE LORD."

Apart from God, man thinks the opposite of God. So - everything he thinks, says, or does without God will be contrary to the way God thinks, what God would have him say, and the way God would have him do.

There are forces at work - **RIGHT NOW** - to destroy the American family and everything we hold dear in this country. *The sad thing is that most people - including Christians - are totally unaware of what is going on!* Oh, they know we have problems in our homes, schools, government, etc., but most people don't know where to place the blame.

And there is no way to do anything about finding a solution until we understand where the problem lies!

Most of the problems we have in this country are the result of **HUMANISM.**

K HUMANISM has taken over -

9 Our Government 9 Our Educational System 9 The Media 9 The Political System

Now - Let's Look At The Goals Of Humanism.

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THE FIVE BASIC GOALS OF HUMANISM

Last week, we saw Goal #1 -

1. Humanists want to replace religions based on supernatural beliefs (like Christianity) with a religion based only on natural beliefs. They believe *“that any religion that can hope to make a synthesizing and dynamic force for today must be shaped for the needs of this age. To establish such a religion is a major necessity of the present.”* No less than eight of the fifteen articles of the first Humanist Manifesto explicitly describe the new religion of humanism.

Now, Goal # 2 is -

2. HUMANISTS WANT TO REPLACE BIBLICAL ETHICS WITH HUMANISTIC ETHICS.

Although humanists recognize “the central role of morality in human life,” they mean by **morality** something entirely different than what Christians mean. Generally speaking, Christians believe that man needs guidance from God, and is ultimately accountable to God. Christians believe that God determines what is right and what is wrong, and that ethical values are revealed by God to man through scripture. Christians believe that all human conduct must be consistent with what God says is right. Since God is one (Mark 12:29, 32; I Cor. 8:4,6; Galatians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:5; James 1:17) then God gives but one universal standard. It is absolute and constant. God’s single ethical standard, when used as a social norm, produces moral conformity in society.

This contrast between Christian and humanistic ethical values is easily documented. The second Humanist Manifesto says that *“...moral values derive their source from human experience. Ethics is autonomous and situational, needing no theological or ideological sanction. Ethics stems from human need and interest. To deny this distorts the whole basis of life. Human life has importance because we create and develop our futures.”*

Additional statements from [A Secular Humanist Declaration](#) say that *“ethics was developed as a branch of human knowledge long before religionists proclaimed their moral systems based upon divine authority.”* Humanists maintain “that ethics is an autonomous field of inquiry, that ethical judgments can be formulated independently of revealed religion, and that human beings can cultivate lives of virtue and excellence.” Humanists **“are opposed to Absolutist morality,”** yet they **“maintain that objective standards emerge, and ethical values and principles may be discovered, in the course of ethical deliberation.”**

Reason and **intelligence** are the means by which humanists determine their ethical standards. “For secular humanists, ethical conduct is, or should be judged by critical reason, and their goal is to develop autonomous and responsible individuals, capable of making their own choices in life based upon an understanding of human behavior.”

“Reason and intelligence are the most effective instruments that humankind possesses. There is no substitute: . . . The

controlled use of scientific methods . . . must be extended further in the solution of human problems. . . . Reason should be balanced with compassion and empathy and the whole person fulfilled.”

For humanists, ethics must conform to whatever brings happiness.

“Happiness and the creative realization of human needs and desires, individually and in shared enjoyment, are continuous themes of humanism. We strive for the good life here and now. The goal is to pursue life’s enrichment...” Since happiness relates not only to individuals, but also to groups, it has social importance. Humanist “philosophers have emphasized the need to cultivate an appreciation for the requirements of social justice and for an individual’s obligations and responsibilities toward others.”

The ethical values of humanism are a grave threat to a society based on Christian ethical values. If fully implemented, the ethical values of humanism would completely destroy a society whose conduct is governed by Christian ethics. If the taking of God’s name in vain, the telling of falsehoods, the practice of adultery, or even the act of murder by abortion, euthanasia, or suicide is judged by an individual’s reasoning as necessary for his happiness, then, to fulfill his human needs and desires or to solve some human problem, ***such conduct is considered ethical by humanists!***

Humanists seek to implement their system of ethical values through public schools. They believe that public schools are fundamental to their cause. They say that **“education should be the essential method of building humane, free, and democratic societies.”** They **“do not believe that any particular sect can claim important values as their exclusive property; hence it is the duty of public education to deal with these values.”** They contend that in a world of humanism, *“reasonable and manly attitudes will be fostered by education and supported by custom.”* Therefore, humanists “believe in the right to universal education.” More specifically, they say -

“We support moral education in the schools that is designed to develop an appreciation for moral virtues, intelligence, and the building of character. We wish to encourage wherever possible the growth of moral awareness and the capacity for free choice and an understanding of the consequences thereof. We do not think it is moral to baptize infants, to confirm adolescents, or to impose a religious creed on young people before they are able to consent. Although children should learn about the history of religious moral practices, these young minds should not be indoctrinated in a faith before they are mature enough to evaluate the merits for themselves.”

Since humanism rejects supernaturalism, then whatever moral values humanism teaches in public schools must of necessity reject moral values related to supernatural beliefs and standards taught by Christian parents. Public schools, in one degree or another, now utilize humanistic values education in a wide variety of courses and grade levels.

Humanism now controls public education in America. Humanism has a safe haven for teaching humanistic values to children of Christian parents. Christian parents can therefore expect that public schools will increasingly become anti-Christian. Christian parents must therefore begin to consider educational alternatives for their children. Through the teaching of humanistic ethics to the school children of this nation, humanism is well on its way to realizing its goal of replacing Christian ethics in our society with humanistic ethical values.

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NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

‘ KILLING OFF DOWN SYNDROME BABIES - A report by CBS News On Assignment describes the disappearing of Down syndrome due to prenatal testing and abortion. Since the tests were introduced in Iceland in the early 2000s, “the vast majority of women--close to 100 percent--who received a positive test for Down syndrome terminated their pregnancy” (“What kind of society do you want to live in?” CBS News, Aug. 15, 2017). Denmark has a “termination rate” for Down syndrome of 98%; France, 77%, and the United States, 67%. Helga Olafsdottir, a counselor at Landspítali University Hospital says, “This is your life--you have the right to choose how your life will look like. We don’t look at abortion as a murder. We look at it as a thing that we ended. ... Life isn’t black and white. Life is grey.” In fact, God’s Word is black and white, and it says, “Thou shalt not kill” (Exodus 20:13).

‘ NEW \$72 MILLION STADIUM FOR THE FOOTBALL GOD - A high school in Katy, Texas, has unveiled a new \$72 million football stadium. Currently it is the most expensive high school stadium in America, but there are plenty of outrageously expensive ones, such as a \$60 million one in Allen, Texas. One being built in McKinney, near Dallas, will cost more than \$70 million. (That is peanuts, of course, in comparison with professional football stadiums, such as the new one for the Atlanta Falcons that cost \$1.6 BILLION.) Texas was once known for its Bible-believing churches, but football is God today. In a report on a drought in west Texas that was killing the grass on football fields, the Los Angeles Times observed that this is serious because “football is God and the field is church” (“In West Texas,” Los Angeles Times, Oct 3, 2011). In 1982, the famous sports announcer Howard Cosell, while viewing the largest Sunday football game attendance in Texas history, said, “The Cowboys are more than a football team in Dallas; they are a religion.” He was right. Professional sports is a religion in America, and it is not only professional sports. Collegiate Memorials markets “alma mater caskets” featuring the logos of more than 200 colleges and universities. By choosing an alma mater casket, individuals show “an expression of loyalty to their alma maters as well as their favorite collegiate sports teams.” With the love for college football at near insane levels, someone is cashing in on the fervor by offering to allow the sports fan to take his favorite college team logo with him to the grave. Morality and sports are almost completely separated in the minds

of large numbers of people. A 1995 survey of 1,240 adults in Sports Marketing Newsletter asked people to name the athletes they most admired. The first four were Magic Johnson (an admitted serial adulterer), Tonya Harding (convicted conspirator for the violent attack upon fellow-skater Nancy Carrigan), O.J. Simpson (held financially liable by a jury for murdering his wife), and Mike Tyson (convicted rapist). The situation has only gotten worse since then. A person’s god is that which he loves and serves. Sports is one of the chief idols in the lives of people today, and God hates idolatry. The prophets and apostles of old preached directly against idolatry. So should we. “Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen” (1 John 5:21).

‘ BARCELONA’S CHIEF RABBI SAYS JEWS ARE DOOMED IN EUROPE - The following is excerpted from “Following attack, Barcelona’s chief rabbi says his community is doomed,” The Times of Israel, Aug. 18, 2017: “The Jewish community in Barcelona is ‘doomed,’ because authorities in Spain do not want to confront radical Islam, the chief rabbi of Barcelona warned on Friday, a day after the deadly car-ramming attack in the city. Rabbi Meir Bar-Hen has been encouraging his congregants to leave Spain, which he called during an interview with JTA a ‘hub of Islamist terror for all of Europe,’ for years before the attacks Thursday and Friday, he said. At least 14 victims and five suspected terrorists were killed in Barcelona and the resort town of Cambrils, 75 miles south of the city. ‘Jews are not here permanently,’ he said of the city and region. ‘I tell my congregants: Don’t think we’re here for good. And I encourage them to buy property in Israel. This place is lost. Don’t repeat the mistake of Algerian Jews, of Venezuelan Jews. Better [get out] early than late.’ ... Part of the problem exposed by the attacks, Bar-Hen said, is the presence of a large Muslim community with ‘radical fringes.’ Once these people are ‘living among you,’ he said of terrorists and their supporters, ‘it’s very difficult to get rid of them. They only get stronger.’ He also said this applied to Europe as a whole. ‘Europe is lost,’ he said.”

‘ THE GREATEST SECRET OF PREVAILING PRAYER - “The greatest secret of prevailing prayer is what John records from his own joyous experience in 1 John 3:22: ‘And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.’ Notice those wonderful words: ‘Whatsoever we ask, we receive of him.’ Think of it! Not one prayer, great or small, goes unanswered. Then notice the reason: ‘Because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight’ (1 John 3:22). A life entirely surrendered to doing God’s will as revealed in His Word and to doing the things that are pleasing in His sight--a life completely at God’s disposal--is the secret of prevailing prayer. Do you wonder why you do not get what you ask for, why you cannot say, like John, ‘Whatever I ask I get’? It is not because he was an apostle and you are just an ordinary Christian. It is because he could say, ‘I keep His commandments and do those things (and only those things) that are pleasing in His sight,’ while you cannot. It is because his life was entirely surrendered to God, while yours is not”

- R. A. Torrey